

It has come to my attention that Sinclair Broadcasting plans to force some of its owned stations to air what I consider to be an anti-John Kerry "documentary." To me as an American citizen and as one who believes in fair play, I find this absolutely disgusting, if not criminal, considering the ramifications and I strongly believe this action goes against the laws that have been created regarding media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

The FCC, to my belief, was created specifically to prevent such blatant brainwashing of the public. That is why Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you for your attention.